

CASTLE VIEW ELEMENTARY HOSTAGE STANDOFF

Ordeal prompts concern for mental trauma

But school district superintendent thinks the students will ‘process ... and triumph’

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Though no students were injured during a more than six-hour standoff in which a teacher was held hostage earlier this week at Castle View Elementary School in Riverside, at least one school official said she is worried about mental trauma “in the weeks, months and year ahead.” Riverside Unified school board Vice President Patricia Lock-Dawson made those comments Friday

evening at a community meeting held at the school on Shaker Drive. “I cannot think of anything more terrifying than hearing that your child’s elementary school is in lockdown and that there is a hostage situation underway,” Lock-Dawson said, her voice filled with emotion. “The fear is sickening and unimaginable.” “Tragically, a life was lost. But our kids are safe. But safe doesn’t mean OK, or emotionally healthy or over it. I wish the mind worked like that. But it doesn’t,” Lock-Dawson said.

She reaffirmed the district’s commitment to providing counseling for students and staff. Officials have also reached out to the family of hostage-taker Luvelle Kennon, 27, who was fatally shot as Riverside police ended the standoff. Kennon’s daughter attends Castle View. School district Superintendent David Hansen, however, thought that the students would “process ... and triumph.” Speakers addressed the mental well-being of the school community — which has adopted the slogan “Castle View Courage” — as well as security and Monday’s re-opening of the campus.

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Castle View Elementary School Principal Tiffany Farris receives a hug Friday after a community meeting regarding Tuesday’s hostage ordeal.

POLITICS

Treasury secretary touts Trump tax plan in Corona



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U.S. Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin talks to a group about the need for tax reform and other topics as moderator Mark Peabody listens during a Corona Chamber of Commerce luncheon Friday at Eagle Glen Golf Club in Corona.

Reform, relief and trade needed to ignite the nation’s economic growth to where it should be, Mnuchin tells gathering at Eagle Glen Golf Club

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The Republican effort to overhaul the nation’s tax system will put more money in middle-class pockets, make businesses more competitive and boost the economy, U.S. Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin said during a visit to Southern California on Friday.

Speaking at a Corona Chamber of Commerce luncheon in what’s traditionally friendly territory for Republicans, Mnuchin made his case for the House tax reform bill unveiled by Republican lawmakers Thursday. It has been 31 years since the last substantial change to the tax code, and reform is needed to get economic growth to where it should be, Mnuchin told an audience of more than 120 at Eagle Glen

Golf Club. “We’ve got to get the economy growing,” he said. “The last eight years have been great for a lot of rich people who were invested in the market ... but for the average American, their earnings have gone nowhere.” “The fact that we’ve had 2 percent (gross domestic product, a measure of economic growth) for the past eight

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“The economy boomed after the Reagan tax cuts. ... Making businesses competitive with the rest of the world is something that’s critical. And creating middle-class tax cuts that people can go spend, we believe, will create economic growth.”

U.S. Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin

COLONIES AFTERMATH

Vindicated Burum back as leader of affordable housing nonprofits

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POMONA » Barely two months after his acquittal in the Colonies bribery case, developer Jeff Burum stood in front of a standing ovation crowd Thursday night at the Fairplex Conference Center stage in Pomona to resume leadership of the affordable housing nonprofit he

co-founded 25 years ago. Burum voluntarily stepped down eight years ago as chairman of the board of National Community Renaissance and its sister nonprofit charitable organization, Hope Through Housing Foundation, during the years the Colonies case coursed through the courts after a 2011 indictment. He was returned to the chairmanship of both organizations

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Jeff Burum speaks Thursday at “An Evening of Hope,” the 25th annual gala of National Community Renaissance, a nonprofit affordable housing development company he co-founded.

ANTI-SEMITIC ACTIVITY

Report: Incidents of hate on rise

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The number of anti-Semitic incidents in the United States jumped 67 percent during the first nine months of the year, sparked by a sharp increase after national media showed white nationalists chanting “Jews will not replace us” during a mid-summer rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, according to a report released Thursday by the Anti-Defamation League.

The trend was mirrored in Southern California, particularly in Los Angeles and Orange counties, according to Peter Levi, the ADL’s regional director for Orange County and Long Beach.

The ADL is an international nonprofit organization that combats anti-Semitism and counters hate groups of all stripes. The group has been tracking anti-Semitic crimes and issuing pub-

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Taking the time to remember loved ones

Riverside’s Dia de los Muertos event, which will feature food, art, music and dance, returns to downtown today. LOCAL 1

High school teams make final case for gridiron glory

Did your team grab victory in a must-win game? It’s the final week of the regular season for high school football. SPORTS 1

Houseplants are taking spotlight at home, online

Indoor plants are in the midst of a resurgence in the home and they’re becoming big stars on Instagram. HOME & GARDEN 1

Fall back

Don’t forget to set your clocks back. Daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday. Turn clocks back one hour.



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